

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BRITTANY NICOLE WENZEL
(a/k/a “Brittany Flett”),

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:25-CR-0025-TOR

PROTECTIVE ORDER

The United States of America, having applied to this Court for a Protective Order regulating disclosure of the discovery materials and sensitive information contained therein to defense counsel in connection with the Government’s discovery obligations, and the Court finding good cause therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The United States’ Unopposed Motion for Protective Order Regulating Disclosure of Discovery and Sensitive Information, ECF No. 17, is **GRANTED**.

1 2. The United States is authorized to disclose the discovery including
2 sensitive information and materials (hereinafter “Discovery”) in its possession
3 pursuant to the discovery obligations imposed by this Court.
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5 3. Government personnel and counsel for BRITTANY NICOLE
6 WENZEL (“Defendant”), shall not provide, or make available, the sensitive
7 information in the Discovery to any person except as specified in the Order or by
8 approval from this Court. Counsel for Defendant and the Government shall restrict
9 access to the Discovery, and shall only disclose the sensitive information in the
10 Discovery to their client, office staff, investigators, independent paralegals, necessary
11 third-party vendors, consultants, and/or anticipated fact or expert witnesses o the
12 extent that defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of their client
13 in this matter or that the Government believes is necessary in the investigation and
14 prosecution of this matter.
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18 4. Third parties contracted by the United States or counsel for Defendant
19 to provide expert analysis or testimony may possess and inspect the sensitive
20 information in the Discovery, by only as necessary to perform their case-related
21 duties or responsibilities in this matter. At all times, third parties shall be subject to
22 the terms of the Order.
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25 5. Discovery in this matter will be available to defense counsel via access
26 to a case file on USA File Exchange. Counsel for Defense may download Discovery
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1 from USA File Exchange and shall exercise reasonable care in ensuring the security
2 and confidentiality of the Discovery by electronically storing the Discovery on a
3 password-protected or encrypted storage medium, including a password-protected
4 computer, or device. If Discovery is printed, Counsel must also exercise reasonable
5 care in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the Discovery by storing copies in
6 a secure place, such as a locked office, or otherwise secure facility where visitors are
7 not left unescorted.
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10 6. All counsel of records in this matter, including counsel for the United
11 States, shall ensure that any party, including the Defendant, that obtains access to the
12 Discovery is advised of this Order and that all information must be held in strict
13 confidence and that the recipient may not further disclose or disseminate the
14 information. Any other party that obtains access to, or possession of, the Discovery
15 containing discovery information once the other party no longer requires access to or
16 possession of such Discovery shall promptly destroy or return the Discovery once
17 access to Discovery is no longer necessary. No other party that obtains access to or
18 possession of the Discovery containing sensitive information shall retain such access
19 to or possession of the Discovery containing sensitive information unless authorized
20 by this Order, nor further disseminate such Discovery except as authorized by this
21 Order or the further Order of this court. For purposes of this Order, “other party” is
22 any person other than appointed counsel for the United States or counsel for
23 Defendants.
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1 7. All counsel of record in this matter, including counsel for the United
2 States, shall keep a list of the identity of each person to whom the Discovery
3 containing sensitive information is disclosed. Neither counsel for Defendant nor
4 counsel for the United States shall be required to disclose this list of persons unless
5 ordered to do so by the Court.
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7 8. Upon entry of a final order of the Court in this matter and conclusions
8 of any direct appeals, government personnel and counsel for Defendants shall retrieve
9 and destroy all copies of the Discovery containing sensitive information, except that
10 counsel and government personnel may maintain copies in their closed files
11 following their customary procedures.
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13 9. Government personnel and counsel for Defendants shall promptly report
14 to the Court any known violations of this Order.
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17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter this
18 Order and provide copies to counsel.
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20 **DATED March 28, 2025.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas O. Rice".

Thomas O. Rice
United States District Judge